



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes May 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 21 members and 3 guests present. A moment of silence was held for Sonny Mello (W1ESG, SK) and Bob Ambroult (N1VUG, SK).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to dispense with reading the Secretary's Report and accept as posted in Zero Beat and on the bulletin board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike (KB1NB), Treasurer, reported that there is currently a balance of \$38,416 available as of this date with several checks having come in but the tower operator is several payments behind. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) spoke about the deteriorating quality of the roof and the fact that it should be replaced soon.

#### Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) introduced this year's winner of the SEMARA Scholarship, Amanda Mendes. Amanda is from New Bedford High School and will be entering the Nursing program at UMass Dartmouth in the fall. She read an essay to the members and was then presented with the scholarship.

## **Technical**

Chris (W1EAV) spoke in Rick's absence (W1RJC), stating that most systems were working well. Trouble with the 900 MHZ IRLP link will be addressed, possibly related to the internet service. There was also some discussion regarding members not being able to access the Club's computer, passwords and internet service.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Ed (KA1RSY) spoke about the recent successful Hurricane Awareness Tour at Otis AFB as well as progress of the Southcoast Hospitals HEAR network.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) spoke about the upcoming "13 Colonies" event, asking for volunteers to operate.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Bob (K1KVV) received a communication regarding the above mentioned "13 Colonies" event. He also sent 2 condolences for recently passed members and a congratulations card to Linda Enos (KA1QCO), on her promotion to Director of GNB Voc Tech High School

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) made several comments, as follows:

1. Regarding the ADA restroom, a discussion with the new Building Inspector resulted in the decision that the Inspector will give final inspection of the restroom according to the details indicated within the original permit. Other details regarding ADA compliance will be dealt with in the future, after some further research.
2. The old copy machine is available. If anyone would like it, take it.
3. There was some discussion about a flea market to be held later. This should be pursued.
4. A Technician licensing class was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 4, but did not go forward as there were no students in the class. Tony (NN1D) will attempt again next week if anyone would like. The class was advertised on Dartmouth Police's Nixle notifying website as well as DCTV, letters to schools and other agencies.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chris (W1EAV) asked about outstanding checks from the tower company. It was also noted that much work has been done, including completion of the fence surrounding the tower. Security was also discussed. There was another break into a storage area at the club and an antenna radiator is missing from on top of a shed, among other things. Additional lighting and the necessity of surveillance cameras were discussed. Brad (W1BEP) stated that a Tech Talk scheduled for May 18 will discuss CCTV surveillance systems.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Marcel (W1MLD) began discussion regarding the building's roof. Two bids were received. The first was from Teixeira Home Improvements for the amount of \$3750.00 to install a roof over the existing, and \$5250.00 to remove, dispose of old and install new roofing. The bids would not include unexpected replacement of damaged wood, if necessary and did not mention ridge vent, both costing extra. Another bid was received from Kevin Castino for \$4900.00 to remove, dispose of old and install new roofing, including ridge vent but not unexpected replacement of damaged wood, which would be extra. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to appropriate \$4900.00 to contract Kevin Castino to complete roof renovations. An amendment was then made to the motion to appropriate an amount to cover the cost of unforeseen replacement of damaged wood. This was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.

Mike (KB1NB) notified the members that the Board of Directors has received complaints regarding a member, and that member may be subject to termination from the association. It is for this reason that the access for this member should be terminated until completion of the hearings. The access code to the door has been changed as a precaution. Members were to be notified of the new code.

Henry (W1GYL) advised the membership about Carl Bredberg (K1KID) being hospitalized. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to send a card to his home address.

Some discussion was made regarding a QSO party coming up, flea market, and SKYWARN classes.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB**

Joe (N1IXC) stated that the webcam should be changed to "members only". Some discussion followed. This will be brought up to the Technical Committee.

Bob (K1KVV) brought up social activities such as dinner. Some discussion followed about catering and different possibilities. Volunteers are being sought to chair such an event.

Andy (WA1FNM) brought up the suggestion to have a light placed near the outside stairs. Brad (W1BEP) suggested NSTAR Electric place a spot light on the pole and aim it toward SEMARA property as a security measure. The approximate cost would be \$120.00 per year. Discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to have NSTAR Electric place a light on the pole for approximately \$120.00 per year as discussed.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marc M. Dumont (KB1ODE), Secretary

50/50 Raffle: The winner was Joe K. (N1IXC).